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Cop loses battle to leukemia

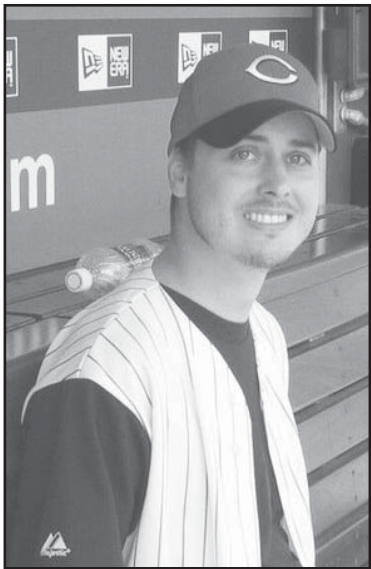


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Detective Jason Faulkner passed away last week after a two-year fight against leukemia.

RACHEL PETERS

Senior News Editor

Local Cincinnati police officer Jason Faulkner, 30, died of complications from a December cord-blood transplant at University Hospital in Cleveland the evening of Jan. 24.

Faulkner battled acute lymphoblastic leukemia since January of 2005. Faulkner struggled to find a bone marrow transplant match for his leukocyte antigens.

Friends, family and co-workers organized donor recruit activities throughout the Greater Cincinnati area in September and organized a tissue testing at Xavier in the fall.

A non-exact donor match was eventually found from blood taken from the donated umbilical cords of newborn babies. The transplant was successful but pneumonia set in at the end of December due to a weakened immune system.

Faulkner was a member of the police department since 1998. He was an investigator who specialized in juvenile sexual abuse and physical abuse cases. Over a span of about eight years, he worked on more than 300 cases, which led to the arrests of more than 60 people.

The visitation was held on Tuesday night and a funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 31 at St. Therese Church, with burial at Evergreen Cemetery following the funeral mass. A reception will follow at Southgate Community Center in Southgate.

XU grad recovering from heart transplant

ELDER TEACHER OPTIMISTIC AFTER SUCCESSFUL SURGERY

RACHEL PETERS

Senior News Editor

After a month of prayers, tears and waiting from a community, Elder high school teacher, coach and Xavier alum Sean Tierney, 31, received a heart transplant and is on his way to recovery.

Tierney began struggling with heart failure in December and received a diagnosis of glycogen storage disease, a rare enzyme deficiency in early January. The disease is likely to be genetic mutation, however, most people suffer from liver failure and the heart is rarely affected.

In Tierney's case, his body was unable to convert glycogen into glucose to fuel heart function. Due to the slow breakdown of his heart muscles, Tierney waited at Cleveland Clinic on IV support for a heart transplant while his pregnant wife, Robyn, had to wait for news in Cincinnati.

Robyn reported to friends that Sean remained optimistic and strong as he waited for his heart, qualities he has projected to his students.

Elder and Xavier alum Mark Ledonne said, "Mr. Tierney gives his students more than an education. He teaches them all the characteristics that we are currently seeing in his recent fight for life. Strength, optimism, persistence and pride."

Tierney received his new heart on Jan. 20 around 1:45 a.m.

After his first biopsy, positive reports were received. Sean's body showed just slight rejection to the heart transplant. No adjustments will need to be made to his



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Sean Tierney with his wife Robyn. Tierney, a 1997 Xavier graduate, is recovering from a heart transplant after a rare enzyme deficiency.

new heart; however, Sean will be in Cleveland for another several weeks for rehabilitation and recovery.

Tierney teaches religion and coaches volleyball at Elder High School on the west side of Cincinnati. He graduated from Xavier in 1997. His wife Robyn teaches at St. Ignatius School in White Oak. The Tierneys are residents of Price Hill in Cincinnati and have received continual support from their community.

Matt Koenig, a Xavier classmate and acquaintance of Tierney, said it was always refreshing to see Sean on campus because he always had a smile on his face.

"I was sad for him to hear that he had to go through such an ordeal. It does not surprise me that he is

getting the support he is receiving. If anyone deserves [this support] it is Sean," said Koenig.

Since the beginning of Tierney's challenging journey, the west side communities have been filled with Elder purple ribbons in anticipation for and, now, celebration of Tierney's new heart. The community has rallied to help support the financial burdens that Sean's journey will cause.

Elder students have raised thousands of dollars for Tierney's benefit already, and several more events have been planned.

Elder's fundraising was also supported by an anonymous donation of \$5,000.

Elder students, faculty and staff hosted a theme day on Jan. 18 in which they were paid to dress out of

uniform. The Elder Glee Club and Alumni Cabaret will host a show at 8 p.m. on Feb. 10 at St. William Father Reardon Hall.

Outside of the Elder community, rival high school Moeller and Hair Management Salon of Bridgetown has also taken part in the fundraising by raising thousands of dollars.

Other fundraiser events planned include Sean Tierney Night at Champions Grille on Feb. 20, Guest Bartender Night with Sean's brother-in-law and two former classmates at the Dog Haus on Feb. 23 and Sean Patrick's Day Party at Aspen Grove Banquet Center on March 9.

Tierney's influence on others is evident through the community's continued prayers and support. On Jan. 11, a prayer service for Sean was hosted at St. Theresa Church and only standing room was left available.

"He worked so hard to be successful in his career, worked so hard to make the people around feel good about themselves. Sean is the type of person that most college students and even younger kids should model themselves around," said Koenig.

"I looked up to Mr. Tierney's positive attitude, no matter what the situation. During prayer, he would thank God for the dreary, rainy day because he knew that he was lucky to be living on earth another day, something that many of us take for granted," said Ledonne.

It seems as though Tierney will now have many more rainy days to be thankful for.



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Friends of Tierney have held numerous fundraisers to assist him and his family with medical expenses not covered by insurance, including a dress down day at Elder High School (left) and a bake sale by St. Aloysius first graders.

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BRIEFS

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Club budget meeting

The Financial Affairs Committee of the Student Government Association is hosting information sessions at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday in GSC, room 214. The committee asks that all club treasurers attend this meeting to ensure that their clubs' budgets are approved and not penalized for the new academic year. Contact Corey Burton at 615-525-1614 or burtonck@xavier.edu for more information.

Relieve stress with yoga

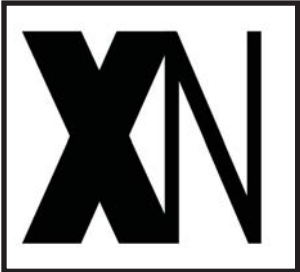
If you would like to unwind after a stressful week, come to the yoga sessions that are held from 4:30-5:30 p.m. on Sundays in Edgecliff Hall, room 201. All you need to bring are comfortable clothes and a towel, just in case the class runs out of mats. No experience is necessary. The first and second sessions are free. To sign up for the rest of the semester is only \$15. Email Tiffany Groen at groenta@xavier.edu for more information.

Driver training

There will be van driving sessions for those students and staff members who are interested in driving a 12 or 15 passenger van from 6-8:30 p.m. on Feb. 8 and 12 and again from 9-11:30 a.m. on Feb. 17 in the Flynn Hall Training Room. Once the session is complete, participants will be issued laminated cards that document their participation in a National Safety Council defensive driving program. To register or for more information, contact Mary Beth Townsley at the Risk Management Office at 513-745-2090 or email her at townsley@xavier.edu

Freedom Center new exhibit

Discount tickets are available to the National Underground Freedom Center's new exhibit, "Invisible: Slavery Today," currently on display from Jan. 6 - Feb. 28. Tickets are through the Department of Psychology. Contact Dr. Cathy McDaniels Wilson, mcdanielswilson@xavier.edu, or 513-745-3072 for information.



Students look to the stars for scientific understanding

COURTNEY GILLETT
Asst. Campus News Editor

Every month for the past two years, Xavier students have been invited to take a closer look at the stars at the astronomy observatory located on the roof deck of Lindner Hall.

Richard Hamilton, Assistant Professor of Astronomy and Mathematics in the Xavier University Math and Physics Departments, has been influential in initiating the program and ensuring its development during his two years at Xavier. Hamilton, who manages the campus observatory, incorporates these stargaze sessions into the labs of his astronomy class. For Hamilton, it is an opportunity for students to "[gain] a better perspective of who we are in the overall scheme of things."

In the stargaze held last week, students were given the chance to see Saturn's rings (located about a billion light years away from earth), the gas pockets on the moon's surface and gain a deeper understanding of the formation of the constellation known as the Seven Sisters.

The program has been quite successful, attracting anywhere from six to about 30 students. When asked if astronomy should be offered to students as an undergraduate major, Hamilton remained skeptical and stressed that with astronomy's highly specialized nature, it "would be a mistake [for a student] to narrow their focus so soon. It would be better if they take physics and then specialize later on."

Although he supervises the monthly stargazes, Professor Hamilton says that there is a group of approximately half a dozen students, including sophomore Jimmy Stringer, who assists in planning and preparing the targets for the sessions. Interestingly, Professor Hamilton notes that not all of them are physics majors.

Some people might still question the relevance of attending stargaze

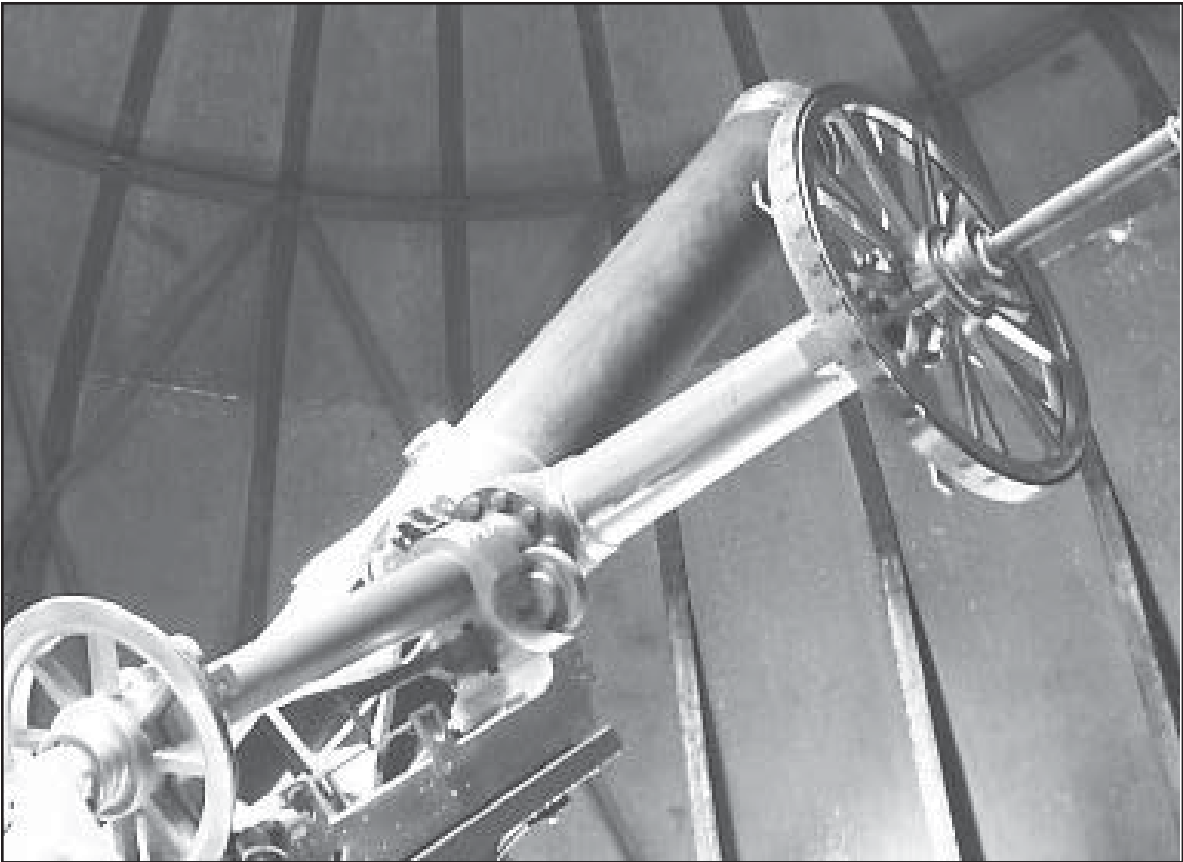


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The Cincinnati Observatory is the oldest observatory in the U.S. Many students may not know that Xavier has its own observatory, located on the top of Lindner Hall.

sessions, especially since a clear night might afford them an unaided view of stars or constellations.

However, Professor Hamilton reminds us that while we might have daily experiences with astronomy in our perception of the sun and some stars, we are still missing the deeper meaning behind astronomy.

Hamilton notes that "with an understanding about what these objects are and how they behave, we can appreciate and experience much more...It opens a hidden universe to us."

He explained that another reason that students and other individuals should experience stargazing is that we often mistake planets like Saturn or clouds of dust or gas for a star. We might be able to see without a telescope, but we still cannot fully understand what it is that we are

seeing.

Hamilton hopes to encourage students in studying the sciences and to assist them in understanding that it is not unlike other subjects; "You just have to take it one small piece at a time until you reach an understanding."

Professor Hamilton, who is also on the staff at the Cincinnati Observatory and teaches educational classes there, is currently working on a book entitled, "Quantum Doors," a joint venture with physicist G. S. Hurst. The text focuses on the themes of quantum mechanics and its varying areas of inquiry, including statistics, information theory and physics.

The next stargaze will be held at 7 p.m. on Feb. 22 at the observatory located on the second floor of Lindner Hall.



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Professor Richard Hamilton manages the campus observatory, and he is also part of the staff of the Cincinnati Observatory.

POLICE NOTES



Jan. 22, 7:09 a.m.—A Physical Plant employee and a student reported an auto accident near the Buenger Hall loading dock.

Jan. 23, 4:29 p.m.—Two employees reported an auto accident on University Drive.

Jan. 24, 12:40 p.m.—Campus Police investigated a report that a car had been burglarized while parked in the R-2 lot. Further investigation by officers revealed that several

other cars were broken into as well. Norwood Police and Xavier Police are currently investigating.

Jan. 25, 9:57 p.m.—Campus Police investigated a dispute between two students that took place in Kuhlman Hall. One of the students had left upon Campus Police's arrival.

Jan. 27, 2:24 a.m.—A student in the Village was cited for playing loud music during quiet hours. The apartment residents had previously

been warned on several occasions.

Jan. 27, 11:59 a.m.—Campus Police and the Cincinnati Fire Department investigated a fire alarm on the fourth floor of the Commons. Firefighters discovered that the alarm was triggered by food that had been burning on the stove.

Jan. 27, 3:55 p.m.—Campus Police received a theft report from a juvenile who stated that her purse had been stolen from

the MLK Tournament on Jan.15.

Police Note of the Week

Jan. 26, 8:20 p.m.—A student caught urinating in the R-2 lot was cited for public indecency and underage consumption.



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Alternative breakers may break hearts

COLLEEN BOTT
Contributing Writer

On Wednesday, Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. in the GSC atrium, some students will be auctioned off for a good cause in the fifth annual Alternative Breaks Date Auction. Chief Couch, a former auctioneer, has donated his services to the event.

“Chief Couch did a great job last year,” junior Katie Bartholomew said. “It’s really nice of him to participate and he’s good at convincing people to go just a little bit higher.”

Students can be auctioned off individually or as part of a group. Every winner is provided with a gift certificate donated by a local restaurant to go on a date.

“We are grateful for all the restaurants who participate,” said junior Laura Morand, a member of the Alternative Breaks student board. “We are also so grateful to the people who donate their time to be auctioned off or to attend the event. Without them, this event would not be possible.”

In addition to attempting to raise several thousand dollars to fund 22 service trips that will take nearly 300 members of the Xavier community all over the globe, the Date Auction is also a great chance for attendees

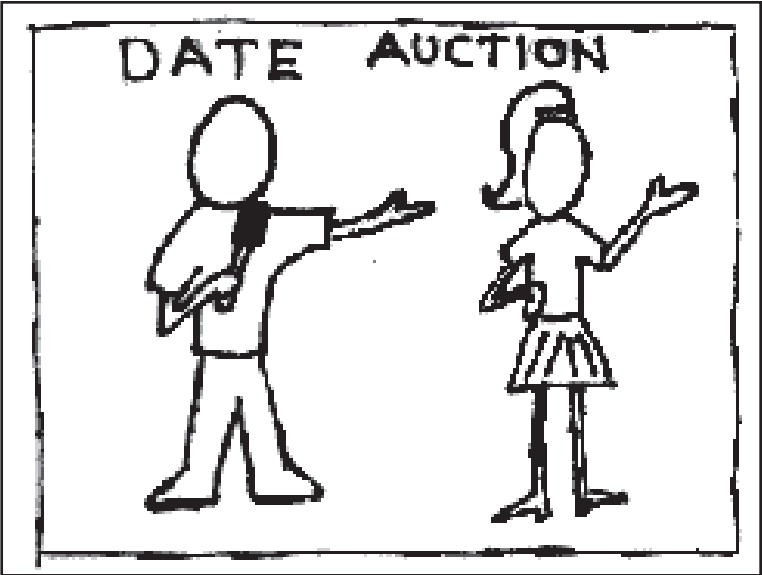


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Students will be able to place bids on fellow students in the fifth annual Alternative Breaks Auction.

to learn what Alternative Breaks is all about.

“It’s a fun way to bring awareness as it involves people from the outside community as well and al- lows them to donate in a creative manner. It’s a great fundraiser that everyone can participate in,” Morand said.

Bartholomew, a site leader for the Minnesota trip, which will be working for a camp for kids affected by HIV/AIDS, will be auctioned off at the event. She enjoys the fun

of participating along with the excitement of the auction itself.

“Last year, six of my friends who were all roommates were auctioned off together,” she said. “Half of them weren’t even doing a trip, but they wanted to help. We had a lot of fun working together as a group to raise money for them and even planting people in the audience to help make the bidding more exciting. I think it’s wonderful when people outside Alternative Breaks help play such a large

role in this event, whether through donations or participating.”

One of the most exciting parts of the auction is when groups or individuals perform skits or dances before they are auctioned off. Sophomore Michael Palmer, a site leader for the Oklahoma trip, which will be working at the Cherokee Nation Head Start program, is planning a song with fellow trip member senior Michael Gall.

“We’re re-writing the song ‘Margaritaville’ to describe our date,” he said.

Look for them as well as more clever and willing participants at the Date Auction.



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Police Chief Couch has been a participant of the AB Date Auction in the past.

BRIEFS

Writing center reopens

The Writing Center is now open for the spring semester! If you need help getting started with class papers, make an appointment. The center is open at 9:30 a.m. and is located in Alter B-12. Walk-ins welcome. For appointments, stop by the center or call 513-745-2875.

Navigators

The Xavier Navigators invite all students to their worship meeting that starts at 9 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 1 in GSC, room 214. Following the meeting, some group members will be heading to Pleasant Ridge Chili. Call Shandyn Massengill at 513-924-8735 for more information.

MIDAS

Do you want to be a nurse or know someone who does? Did you know that you need not have a BSN or RN to pursue a Master of Science in Nursing at Xavier? The MIDAS program, a 20 month full-time course of study, is a Master of Science in Nursing program that is designed for individuals with a bachelors degree in a field other than nursing. Xavier also offers an MSN program for registered nurses. To learn more, come to an information session at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24 in the Schiff Family Conference Center. If you would like more information or would prefer to register by phone, please view the website, www.xavier.edu/MSN/midas.cfm or contact Nancy McDonald at 513-745-1009.

Women’s Chorus

It is not too late to join the Xavier women’s chorus. Rehearsals are from 7-9 p.m. on Monday in the Long Recital Hall, in Edgecliff Hall. Contact the Chorus Director, Matt Phelps, at phelpsm@xavier.edu.

Congratulations

Congrats to the Lamda Class of the Emerging Leaders Retreat. The following students spent Jan. 26 and 27 developing their leadership skills and networking with other campus leaders: Joe March, Sarah Voveris, Chantal Thomas, Ian Harrell, Sarah Virkler, Stephanie Braun, Kevin Brophy, Brigid Cafferty, Jana Clear, Maggie Cuff, Kathryn Franchini, Rob Goeller, Amy Gore, Katie Gottron, Robert Huddle, Kyle Isaac, Stephanie Ibemere, Oluwasola Kevin Ijoyah, James Matthews, James McShane, Eric Petrek, Long Phan, Brenda Ratemo, Molly Rehak, Andrew Robbins, Anna Russell, Allie Tewell, Liz Wagner, Shaye Worthman, Matt Matovina, Erika Vickers.

Alternative Break Sites

A run-down of who students participating in Alternative Breaks will be working with and what service activites they will participate in:

Colorado- Drug/Alcohol Rehab <i>With:</i> Harvest farm residents in a drug and alcohol rehab program. <i>Service:</i> Physical labor and farm work with residents.	Washington D.C.- Urban Poverty <i>With:</i> Steinbruck Center for Urban Studies at Luther Place. <i>Service:</i> Delivering meals and other services surrounding causes of homelessness.	Oklahoma- Native American Issues <i>With:</i> Cherokee Nation Early Childhoot Unit. <i>Service:</i> Working with the Head Start program, helping in classrooms, outdoor maintenance.	Mystery- Elderly Living <i>With:</i> Someone (it’s a mystery!). <i>Service:</i> Helping the elderly
Tennessee- Cerebral Palsy <i>With:</i> the United Cerebral Palsy of Middle Tennessee. <i>Service:</i> Building wheelchair ramps, aiding in wheelchair basketball program, more.	Virginia- Domestic Violence <i>With:</i> Dungannon Development Commission, Inc. <i>Service:</i> Home repairs, yard work, office support and interacting with people at the center.	New Orleans- Hurricane Relief <i>With:</i> Catholic Charities Operation Helping Hands. <i>Service:</i> Helping the disabled and those affected by Hurricane Katrina with no insurance.	Baltimore- Urban Poverty <i>With:</i> Catholic Charities Project SERVE. <i>Service:</i> Helping people participate in the community to the best of their ability.
Arkansas- Global Hunger <i>With:</i> Heifer Ranch (provides education that promotes solutions to global hunger). <i>Service:</i> Helping with ranch chores and/or projects	Florida- Environmental <i>With:</i> Everglades Hostel. <i>Service:</i> Projects to help clean the Everglades and wildlife.	Catalina Island- Environmental <i>With:</i> Catalina Island Conservatory. <i>Service:</i> Removing non-native plant species, secruing habitats, maintaining conservancy-operated facilities.	Out of the country programs:
West Virginia- Appalachian Poverty <i>With:</i> Gift of Tears Catholic Worker House. <i>Service:</i> Outdoor activities and spending time with members of	Minnesota- HIV/AIDS <i>With:</i> Camp Heartland (for children with HIV/AIDS). <i>Service:</i> Working with people with HIV/AIDS,		Ukraine- 2nd World Poverty <i>With:</i> Orphanage 12. <i>Service:</i> Refinishing work around the orphanage, spending time with the children.
			Jamaica- Community Development <i>With:</i> Blue Mountain Project. <i>Service:</i> Working to build medical clinics, operating nutrition programs, providing job training.

Professor Profile

Dr. C. Walker Gollar

TYLER BURGEI
Contributing Writer

Dr. C. Walker Gollar, member of the theology department, has been teaching at Xavier since 1993. He is actively involved with community service committees on and off campus and has been involved with the peace studies program for 14 years.

Dr. Gollar has taught a vast array of classes; some of these include theological foundations, American Catholic history, African-American religious history and many other theology and history-related courses. He has also been the chair of the peace studies department for the past four years where he oversees a lot of the courses.

When asked how a peace studies



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Dr. Gollar is a teacher and an active member of the community.

minor coincides with virtually any major, Dr. Gollar made the point that it is an easy minor to integrate without having to take many extra courses. He also pointed out that the peace studies program is the largest interdisciplinary minor at

XU. “Especially with the country at war,” he said, “more students are concerned about the quest for peace.”

Besides teaching, Dr. Gollar is actively involved with the Xavier community. He is chair of the academic service learning committee and was a trip leader of a group that travelled to Nepal in 2001. He also leads student and faculty groups, including ones that go to Over-the-Rhine.

In addition to teaching, chairing committees and leading service learning groups, Dr. Gollar has found time to publish over 35 articles in scholarly journals; he also does work for the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center and extensively researches American religious history and

slavery.

Dr. Gollar also has a book being published called *The Whole Truth*, which takes a look at the sex scandals in the Church from a historical point of view. He says that if we dare to look at the dark side of the Church, we can learn some really powerful stuff.

Dr. Gollar expressed his love for teaching and the importance of integrating all three aspects of being a successful part of the Xavier staff: teaching, researching and doing service. “I love teaching at Xavier,” Dr. Gollar stated, “because of the inspiring students who always give a lot of energy.” Dr. Gollar’s enthusiasm for teaching and incorporating community service has enriched the staff of Xavier University.



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Beth Holland

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Mr. Muskie Contestants

Think you're cute? Know you're sexy? Got the moves that drive girls wild?

Sign-Up to be a contestant of Xavier's premiere male beauty pageant. Applications can be picked up in GSC 210. The 2007 Pageant Theme is "Muskie Strong". For more information e-mail bakerj5@xavier.edu.

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On the Docket
January 29 Meeting:
Passed Motions- \$2,452.10 to
College Republicans for
conference and \$1400 to
Accounting Society
To be voted on next Senate
meeting...
Men for Others is requesting
\$250

Upcoming SAC Events: SKI TRIP

Saturday Feb 3rd Buses Leave
Buenger Circle @8:30pm
return @ 2am
Tickets \$15 on sale:
Mon-Wed 1-5pm GSC
Thurs-Fri 5-7pm CAF
Saturday 11-2:30pm CAF

NEARLY NAKED MILE: An International Experience

Race begins @ 8:00 on Friday,
February 9th
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Retrospective

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1997 Newswire Music Awards



Once again, the Xavier student body has proven its dedication to the idea of democracy. Two weeks ago we sent out a request for your opinions on the music of 1997. The response was so astounding that we needed two weeks to bring the results to you. So, without further adieu, the envelope please...

Album of the Year: Matchbox 20, *Yourself or Someone Like You*

Best Single: Fiona Apple, "Criminal"

Best New Artist: Fiona Apple

Best Tour: Barnaked Ladies

Best Hard Rock Band: Metallica

Best Male Performer: Beck

Best Female Performer: Sarah McLachlan

Best Electronic Band: Prodigy

Best R&B Artist: Erykah Badu

Best Rap Artist: Luniz

Best Come Back: Rakim

Best Band: Radiohead

Years Biggest Hype: Spice Girls




Editor's note: The readers response effort to this poll was astounding in the sense of it being astoundingly low. So, in an attempt not only to humor, but poke fun at our selves, the Diversions Staff delicately selcted our choices for the above named awards. Sorry if you don't agree, you had your chance.

Clockwise: Matchbox 20, Erykah Badu, Luniz, and the Spice Girls in their latest hype "Spiceworld," the movie.



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A NEW terrain park at the site of the former tubing park.

MORE Snow

Mad River Mountain had added 32 NEW super polecat snow guns along with 2 NEW water pumps and a NEW snow cat for grooming.



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- STAFF EDITORIAL -

The power of X?

As a drive through the tri-state area will quickly reveal to interstate billboard watchers, Xavier has become increasingly Williams-centric. These huge, roadside ads are quick to point out the prominence of the Williams College of Business with references to various national rankings the College has received. Most recently, the business school was named the biggest beneficiary of the latest Xavier expansion campaign “To See Great Wonders.”

This lofty title refers, according to Xavier President Fr. Dr. Michael Graham S.J., to “the students and the wonders inside them that they don’t even know about.” Paramount to bringing these secret wonders to light is a 200-million dollar campus expansion project that will create two integrated facilities, the multi-purpose Learning Commons and a new state-of-the-art building to serve the Williams College of Business.

The Learning Commons will theoretically feature one center for professional development among teachers and one for community engaged learning, and will house an Institute for Jesuit Education. Additionally it will contain an information resource center to serve as a link between the Learning Commons and the library.

Of particular importance for the Learning Commons is an environment of spontaneous and informal learning (which is depicted by computer generated people with frenetic movements in the video tour of the Learning Commons on the university website).

Just down the Hoff Academic Quad from this multi-dimensional and broadly used facility will be the new, highly specialized business school. The sprawling, glass

enclosed building, as it is depicted in campaign informational material, is a necessity according to Williams College dean Ali Malekzadeh: “For us to stay in the international market, with our top-25 MBA program, for instance, we have to have the best facilities.”

It is the impression of *the Newswire*, from the portrayal of the new facilities by the university, that this expansion is strongly focused on the business school, and perhaps too strongly. In keeping with the Jesuit tradition of broad, open and outward thinking, it seems counterintuitive to put so much emphasis on a single department.

The Newswire understands the role that the Williams College of Business plays in the financial well-being and development of the university as a whole; it can be likened to the revenue role the men’s basketball program plays.

Still, when the majority of undergraduate students are not directly affected by such a huge expansion of an individual and narrowly-focused department like the business school, *the Newswire* has to ask “At what cost?”

Basic economics lessons (not learned at the Williams College) tell us that when resources are used on one thing, they are not used on another. When huge sums of money are spent on expanding the Williams College of Business, they are not spent, for example, on expanding the English or psychology departments, or on creating a journalism department.

It is the opinion of *the Newswire* that the university has adopted an expansion philosophy that is too “Williams-centric,” and in doing so has unjustly emphasized the “All for one” in the famous Musketeer motto.

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Seven signs of the
APOCALYPSE

by Patrick Stevenson

- I. Chuck Norris guest-hosted “Hannity & Colmes” on Jan. 26
- II. Sylvester Stallone is directing a movie about Edgar Allen Poe
- III. Peyton Manning is about to win a Super Bowl
- IV. Fergie has the third best-selling album in America
- V. George W. Bush wants to reduce oil consumption
- VI. The best player in the NBA is short, white and Canadian
- VII. Tom Cruise has been declared the Messiah of Scientology

Choosing life

DIANA BARRAN
Copy Editor

I would consider myself an avid pro-lifer. I grew up in a Catholic family with a mother who was a pro-life speaker for the Right to Life of Cleveland. I always wanted to attend the March for Life in Washington D.C., but never could until this year. It was an experience which I will never forget and highly recommend to all.

As a copy editor for the *Newswire*, I read stories about Darfur, Rwanda, the war in Iraq and other world problems that people feel the need to stand up and speak out against. While these are important issues that need to be addressed, I feel that the issue of abortion deserves the same amount of attention.

There are many important facts about abortion that people may not be aware of such as the development of the fetus, the physical and psychological consequences that women may suffer as a result of an abortion and the surprising number of abortions performed annually.

Many people argue that abortions should be legal because they think the fetus is not a human being, but a blob of tissue who’s life does not begin until birth. Most abortions occur between weeks nine and 11 of pregnancy, which is when many women first realize they are pregnant.

However, there is a lot of scientific evidence that proves the fertilized egg has begun to develop into a human being.

As early as day 22, the prenatal heart begins to beat with the child’s own blood, which is often a different type than the mothers’. Weeks three and four include the formation of the spinal column and nervous system and the development of the liver, kidneys and intestines.

By week five, the baby’s eyes, legs and hands begin to develop and brain waves are detectable.

The presence of the mouth and lips and the formation of the fingernails occur by week six. In the seventh and eighth weeks, the baby begins to kick and swim, every organ is in place and the baby begins to hear.

The baby continues to develop in weeks nine and 10 as teeth are formed and the baby is able to turn his or her head and frown. The baby will continue to grow and develop as weeks turn into months, and the list of facts demonstrating that this



Xavier seniors Diana Barran and Ann Tassone at a pro-life rally

“blob of tissue” is indeed a human being is nearly endless.

Additionally, there are many negative physical effects that an abortion can have on a woman. There can be physical damage to a woman’s reproductive system, such as damage to her uterus or cervix, which can cause future reproductive problems. Women who have abortions more than double their risk of future sterility and face a 50 percent increased risk of having a tubal pregnancy with the risk increasing to 90 percent for those who have had two or more previous abortions.

Women who have had abortions are at a higher risk of having miscarriages, premature births or children with cerebral palsy.

Lastly, 13 out of 17 studies in the United States showed more breast cancer among women who have had abortions.

Women may also suffer some psychological effects after having an abortion. An abortion can damage both current and future relationships and cause sexual anxiety or promiscuity. Women who have abortions are also more likely to abuse their children.

After having an abortion, women are more likely to develop eating disorders, become heavy smokers and abuse drugs and alcohol. More than half of women reporting post abortion problems say they have contemplated suicide.

Finally, the statistics regarding the number of past abortions are alarming. There have been more than 47 million abortions since the legalization of abortion in 1973, and almost 1.3 million abortions occurred in 2002 alone. In the same year, for every 1,000 births, there were 319 abortions. In 2001, there were more than 148,000 second and third trimester abortions.

Every year, more unborn children die from abortion than Americans died in the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, World Wars I and II, the Korean, Vietnam and Persian Gulf wars combined.

I believe that people need to defend those who cannot defend themselves. There are many alternatives to abortion and many places that will help women who do not receive the support they need from their families and friends.

There are also many websites such as www.nrlc.org, www.prolife.com and www.feministsforlife.com that give additional information regarding abortion. I encourage you to look at these websites and view the pictures of aborted babies to see that abortion is in fact, murder. I hope that this information was helpful and inspires you to protect the unborn.

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Making Xavier accessible

My name is Amanda Stahl. I am a junior from Maysville, KY and have been attending Xavier for one semester, aspiring to earn a degree in social work. Xavier University has been a legacy in my family for three generations.

I am writing this letter concerning persons of disabilities and their ability to get around Xavier's campus. This issue is very important to me because I was born 12 weeks early, which caused me to have cerebral palsy.

One of the symptoms of cerebral palsy has confined me to a wheelchair for all my life. Despite this disability, I strive to improve the conditions in which persons of disability live and learn.

Although Xavier has been very helpful, my experience has nonetheless been very frustrating and difficult. The obstacles that I face are not particular to me, but confront many groups of people, including elderly visitors and alumni that have trouble navigating the campus.

I am unable to access any of the activities held in Campus Ministry or the Dorothy Day House, which puts me at a distinct disadvantage in learning outside of the classroom. The students have taken steps to move the clubs that I am involved in outside of these buildings. However, some people with disabilities are not as outspoken as I am. Had I not been so vocal, I would be missing these valuable activities, which would hinder not only my personal growth, but also the Jesuit ideals of service that I hope to cultivate in others and in myself.

The classes for my major neces-

sitate traveling to Cohen, and this semester, I have three classes in Cohen. The relative distance of this building from my apartment in the Commons is not so much a problem as the method of traveling there. The only ways to get to Cohen are both inconvenient and dangerous.

Cohen poses additional problems for me once I arrive. The handicapped bathrooms are not large enough for a power wheelchair, which I use, and an aide to assist me in using the restroom.

In order to fit, the door has to be opened, which prevents me from having any privacy. I have found a bathroom in Cohen that is sufficient for my needs, but it is marked for faculty use only, and I was very lucky to have found it. I recommend that it be marked as a handicapped bathroom and used accordingly.

The university offers many opportunities for students to experience learning and service through internships and other activities. This is a very good program that nurtures students and their connections to the outside world, but only if the students are able-bodied enough to participate.

When I considered applying for the summer service internship, I was discouraged from doing so because I would not be able to live with the community in Brockman Hall. Through ceaseless advocacy on my behalf by Ann Dinan, Cheryl Nuñez, Residence Life, Co-Student Directors of Diversity, JJ Gregg and Charity Wayua, I am now able to apply for the program.

Someone without a disability would never have to deal with this situation; they would be encour-



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Despite improvements, Xavier still needs to do more to make campus fully handicapped-accessible

aged, rather than discouraged, to join.

Since I have been at Xavier, the administration has been very helpful in giving me my own personal push button to automatically open the outer doors of the Commons which gives me a greater sense of independence. For this, I thank Residence Life and Physical Plant for going beyond the ADA requirements.

The Students in Justice and other service clubs expressed support through their advocacy for me and for other people with disabilities on this campus. The administration has empowered the student body to form a group, Special Needs Awareness Committee (SNAC), that helps make other students aware of people with disabilities. SNAC also initiates events that are engineered to increase the comfort level of the student body with regard to people with disabilities; we regard this as an extension of the university's Diversity Plan objectives as outlined

by Cheryl Nuñez.

This university has stated a commitment to increasing both the level of diversity and the understanding of diversity on campus. Following this, the Diversity Plan has objectives, such as to "foster a campus climate that is welcoming to all" and "demonstrate institutional leadership for community equity and empowerment."

I find these two objectives are the ones that are most violated at this university, but I am encouraged by the effort put forth by the student body and the administration.


If the administration truly supports and believes in these values and objectives, I ask you to consider these goals:

1. Accessibility to Campus Ministry and the Dorothy Day House
2. Ensuring that plans for the new additions to our campus are not only ADA standard, but are also more welcoming and friendly to people with disabilities.
3. Provide faculty and staff with

continued education on disability awareness and how to be prepared for a student with disabilities in the classroom.

I can see that the administration has made great strides in this area in recent years, but there is still progress that needs to be made. The members at SNAC and I are willing to lend ourselves to the continued efforts to make Xavier the best university it can be and to help promote these goals to the faculty, staff, student body and surrounding community. We all love Xavier, and this is why we continue to dedicate ourselves to making it a better and more inclusive institution for all the people who attend.

-Amanda Stahl
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Cincinnati:
Famous For Graeters,
Skyline and sinusitis

Sinusitis is very common in Cincinnati. It refers to inflammation of the lining of the sinus cavities.

Acute sinusitis is often preceded by a cold and sometimes dental work. It can last six to eight weeks. It can be a complication of environmental allergy flare ups--the patient complains of headache, congestion, postnasal drip and thick discolored mucous.

Sometimes there's a cough secondary to the drainage. A patient with chronic sinusitis has more than four bouts of sinusitis a year. The sinusitis infection can lead to swelling of the small sinus passages.

This combined with increased mucous production can make it difficult to clear the infection. Changes in air pressure from flying or deep scuba diving can aggravate the sinuses.

Smoke, weather fronts and mold counts in Cincinnati are aggravating factors. Physicians use antibiotics, decongestants and steroids to treat sinusitis. Steam inhalation and sinus irrigation sometimes are helpful.

If you live in Cincinnati long enough, you'll probably develop sinusitis at some point. If you're suffering, seek medical assistance.

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Defining a faith

I opened *the Newswire* this past weekend and was surprised to see a picture of a crucifix. Intrigued by the image, I began to read the letter to the editor below. I was originally relieved that someone had echoed my own silent concerns about the missing corpus on the cross in Bel-larmine Chapel.

As I read on, however, I was struck with disbelief and concern for the writer who is gravely mistaken about Catholic teaching. I wish to take this opportunity to correct the previous letter while hopefully encouraging participation in the Mass.

When Pope Gregory decided to redo the calendar, he asked the Jesuits to calculate the year and date of Christ's birth. They came up with what we refer to 0 BC. Modern studies show that they were actually off by a few years, but that is not the point. History is divided not by the death of Jesus of Nazareth, but rather by His birth.

The Incarnation of the Second Person of the Holy Trinity is apparently a big deal. The redeeming death of the Incarnate Word is also a big deal. In fact, Good Friday is the holiest day of the year for Catholics, but it doesn't measure up to a virgin birth and God becoming flesh.



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Millions of Catholics celebrate the Eucharists weekly, with or without a Crucifix

The crucifixion, as important as it is, is not the "central event of Catholicism." The core of Catholicism is the Eucharist; the celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice at the Mass and that little wafer that tastes like a stale saltine cracker, unless you go to the 10 p.m. student Mass which has ugly brown doughy stuff carefully made by students.

The Liturgy of the Word, the first part where people read from that big book, is the proclamation of the Word of God to the people.

The Word is to be made flesh in our hearts and our minds as we listen to the proclaiming of the readings and the Gospel. The homily is

where the priest attempts to apply the Word to our lives, he gives us the answers to the quiz at the end.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist, the part where you get your exercise from standing and kneeling and then standing again, is really cool. During the Consecration, the first few things the priest says ("Let your Spirit come upon these gifts to make them holy, so that they may become for us the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ"), through the Power of the Holy Spirit the bread and wine you see on the alter becomes the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ.

It is not a symbol, it is not "just"

bread or "just" wine; The Eucharist is Jesus Christ, present before us. During the Mass "we join the angels and the saints in proclaiming" God's glory and we are united together with all those in the Church, the living and the dead.

If that is not cool, I don't know what is. During the Last Supper (Mt. 26:26-35, Mk. 14:22-31, Lk. 22:14-38, Jn 13-16) Christ gave us the Eucharist, the thanksgiving sacrifice for our sins. Christ dwells in us, we become "living tabernacles" and are called to spread the Light of Christ living within each one of us to all. The word "Mass" comes from the Latin verb *mitto, mittere, missi, missa est*, which means "to send."

The Catholic Church considers the Mass more than a gathering for singing, eating and drinking. The Mass is a sending out of the congregation, you and me, to the world to spread the Good News and love others. Without the Cross, there would be no Christians, but without the Eucharist, the Cross would mean nothing.

-Thaddeus Winker
Class of '10

BRIEFS

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Swimmers flounder against Denison

The Xavier University Musketeer swim teams fell over the weekend to Denison University. The men splashed to a 116-85 defeat and the women followed cannonballing, to a 117-78 loss.

This was the senior meet for the Musketeers as their final two meets of the season are away from Cincinnati. Nine seniors will be graduating from the team: Dana Hunter, Krystel Kooyman, Jill Cooke, Joe Conklin, Dave Janszen, Sam Cutter-Wilson, Jon Higley, Shane Jenkins and Neil Reiersen. Each was individually recognized before the meet, and Janszen and Kooyman were able to win two events each.

Janszen was able to take gold in the 200 IM with a time of 1:57 and was also part of the 400 medley relay that was able to take first along with junior Matt Krouse, sophomore Matt Marcus and Jenkins. Jenkins won the 200 fly for the Musketeers and Conklin won the 200 breast. Reiersen finished second in the 200 IM and the 200 fly for Xavier.

Kooyman won the women's version of the 200 IM going 2:14 and the 200 breast at 2:27. The 400 free relay team for the women consisted of junior Lindsey Jackson, sophomore Mary Catherine Mahon and freshmen Alison Johnson and Annelise Hoyland with a time of 3:43.

The teams travel to Indianapolis for a showdown with Butler University and Vincennes. That meet will be followed by the Atlantic 10 Championships beginning February 21 in Buffalo, NY.

OSU and Indiana St. swat XU tennis

The Xavier University women's tennis team fell 7-0 to Indiana State. The loss put Xavier at 1-2 for the spring season thus far.

Unfortunately the team was unable to win a singles match going 0-6. Freshman Kaitlyn Zinn and senior Alicia Papa were both able to win the first sets for their matches but lost the second and the tie breakers. For Zinn it was her first collegiate loss, ending her winning streak at 10 matches.

Following the same pattern as the singles matches, Xavier was unable to win in the doubles matches either going 0-3.

The men's tennis team did not fare much better losing 7-0 at Ohio State University. The third-ranked Buckeyes did not lose a set to the Musketeers going a perfect 18 for 18.

To the credit of XU, the team faced six of the top 70 tennis players in the country including the top ranked player in the country, Steven Moneke. Sophomore Doug Matthews drew Moneke and fell 6-1, 6-3.

Flyers grounder, again: 0-22 in 'Nati

Career high by Doellman, great second half propel Xavier past Flyers

JOHN LAFOLLETTE
Sports Editor

Senior forward Justin Doellman turned in a career-high 24 points and all four other starters scored in double-figures as the Xavier men's basketball team played one of its best halves of the season and rolled to an 83-67 victory over the visiting Dayton Flyers last Saturday at Cintas Center.

The Musketeers outscored Dayton by 17 and held them to 28 percent shooting from the field in the second, showcasing the strength of this team when both offense and defense are hitting on most (if not all) cylinders.

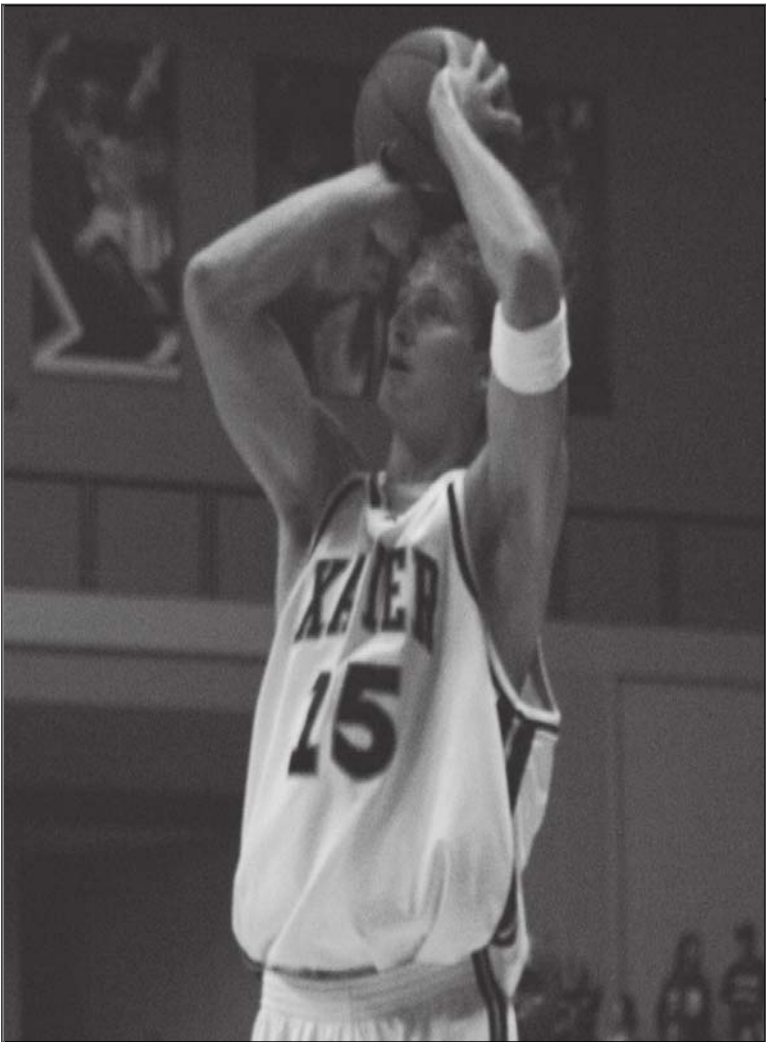
Junior forward Josh Duncan was not in the starting rotation for the first time this season, recovering from the sprained ankle he sustained in the opening minutes of Xavier's 92-66 win at St. Bonaventure last Wednesday.

Senior leadership filled Duncan's shoes though, as seniors Justin Cage, Brandon Cole and Doellman each pulled down six rebounds and combined for eight of the team's nine blocks.

Cole assumed Duncan's starting position perfectly, scoring 12 points (Duncan's season average is 11.3) and grabbing six rebounds (Duncan averages 4.2).

The Musketeers have traditionally owned the Flyers at home and won their 22nd straight game against Dayton in the city of Cincinnati. The last time Dayton beat Xavier in Cincinnati was in 1981.

Dayton took an early 21-13 lead, making eight of their first 10 shots. Xavier's defense clamped down, and the Musketeers went on a 15-0 run, but relented again and allowed Dayton to take a 43-42 lead at halftime.



NEWSWIRE PHOTO BY ERIKA BRESEE

Senior forward Justin Doellman takes dead aim en route to a career-high 24 points against the Dayton Flyers last Saturday.

The Musketeers opened the second half with a 19-3 run, with 12 points coming from Doellman off 4-5 shooting during the stretch.

The Flyers only pulled as close as 10 points for the remainder of the game, in no small part to defensive warrior Cage holding Dayton's scoring machine, junior guard Brian Roberts, to just eight second-half points.

Dayton head coach Brian Gregory was not surprised by Cage's per-

formance against Roberts. "Playing against him for four years, you knew those match-ups were coming," Gregory said. "You can put him on their best post player or their best guard; he can guard anybody."

Next for the Musketeers are the Duquesne Dukes, who have won two straight games, including one over Dayton, by depending on an intimidating full-court pressure that results in a lot of turnovers by

opposing teams.

Turnovers have been periodically problematic for Xavier this season, though Miller is proud of the team's assist to turnover ratio of 1.5. Still, the biggest obstacle Xavier will likely face against Duquesne will be the Dukes' platoon-style substitutions.

The Dukes have 10 players that they substitute in squads of four or five, keeping their legs fresh enough to run a full-court press for the majority of the game.

Against an opponent that would not have posed much of a threat earlier in the season, Xavier now finds itself without three key players.

In addition to Duncan, freshman guard Adrion Graves is out following surgery for a bacterial infection, and freshman center Jason Love will not play anytime soon after sustaining a leg injury in practice on Monday.

Love crashed into the scorers' table and opened a deep gash below his knee that penetrates all the way to the bone. Miller said Love will definitely not play against Duquesne and that it was unclear if he would return this season.

While Graves has been plagued by injury for much of the season, the loss of Love is especially troublesome because of his role, along with Cole, as Duncan's replacement.

Xavier's reserve capabilities are now limited to freshman Derrick Brown. sophomores Johnny Wolf and B.J. Raymond, in addition to inexperienced seniors Adam Simons and Kevin Waymire.

Tipoff against Duquesne is set for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 31, in Pittsburgh, Penn.. The Musketeers return to Cintas Center for a 4 p.m. ESPNU game against the Charlotte 49ers this Saturday.

Ultimate tournament a chilly success

Teams undeterred by temperatures in the teens

PAT STEVENSON
Asst. Op-Ed Editor

Theoretically, a passerby could have assumed that the long-haired, free-spirited people who took over the varsity and intramural fields last Sunday were camping out for a Neil Young concert. This theoretical passerby would be incorrect.

The group of people running about the varsity and intramural fields on the frigid afternoon of Jan. 28 were actually participating in Xavier University's first ever ultimate frisbee tournament.

The tournament, which drew teams from UC, Dayton, Ohio State, Denison and a team of homeschooled high schoolers called the Revolution, was organized and hosted by the Xavier ultimate frisbee team.

The Xavier ultimate team, a club sport, has a very strong membership with over 30 members. In fact, Xavier ultimate was able to split into two teams for the tournament (in ultimate frisbee, each team puts seven players on the field).

Despite the sub-freezing tem-

peratures, all competitors were enthusiastic and in high spirits throughout the day, especially the Denison team, which claimed first place.

Xavier ultimate finished third, which junior Mike Pierce deemed a success. "We have a lot of players who are still just learning the game, and a performance like this demonstrates our commitment and effort," Pierce said. "A lot of these players we are competing against have been playing ultimate for years, so it's impressive that we're holding our own against them."

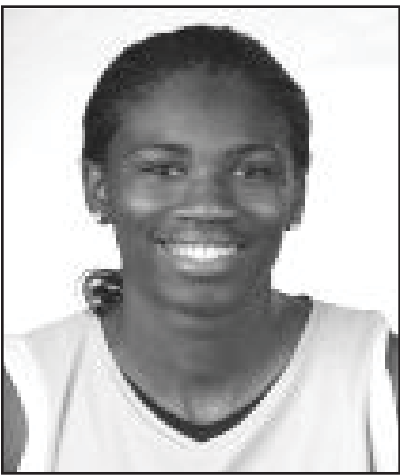
The future looks bright for Xavier Ultimate, with about 15 freshmen players, most of whom are playing the sport for the first time.

While there are no definite plans to hold another tournament in the future, Pierce was optimistic that this would not be the last Ultimate tournament at Xavier. "I think the tournament went really well, especially considering it was our first ever. I could definitely see us holding another one soon," predicted Pierce.



NEWSWIRE PHOTO BY ERIKA BRESEE

Xavier ultimate player Matt Pitlyk readies to huck a disc against Team Revolution in the Xavier's inaugural ultimate tournament.




Amber
Harris

6-5/Freshman
Forward
Indianapolis
North Central

- Leads team in scoring with 16.4 points per game
- Leads team in rebounding with 8.3 rebounds per game
- Second on team in steals with 30
- Holds single-season blocked shots record with 79 this year
- Nine-time Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week (two behind all time ROTW leader Tara Boothe)

Favorite book: **The Holy Bible**

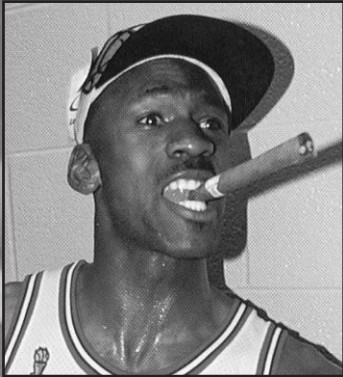
Favorite actor: **Morris Chestnut**



Biggest thing I bring to the team: **Intensity**

What I need to work on most: **Defense and rebounding**


Person I most want to meet: **Michael Jordan**




My style of play is most like: **Kevin Garnett**

Best advice I ever received: **Play hard no matter what**

Most people don't know: **I can dance!**



Biggest goal: **To win a championship, no matter**



NEWSWIRE PHOTO BY ERIKA BRESEE

COME SEE AMBER HARRIS AND THE WOMEN’S BASKETBALL TEAM TAKE ON THE LASALLE EXPLORERS AT 2 P.M. THIS SUNDAY AT CINTAS CENTER.

The age of innocence

EMILY HOFERER
Diversions Editor

Perhaps it's just a phase and maybe it's even a sign of the times, but these days the best way for people to take you seriously in Hollywood is to strip down to the basics—literally.

Last week, news broke of the newly teenage Dakota Fanning appearing in a film called “Hound-dog” at the Sundance Film Festival, which involves a rape and other intense sexual scenes.

Critics are saying that Fanning is entirely too young to play the troubled teen, but Fanning, her mother and her agent all agree that this role was too good to pass up. Her mother even believes that this role could get her an Oscar nomination.

Although it's still too soon to tell whether or not Fanning will be a future Oscar nominee, her body of work is still impressive. Her breakout role was in “I Am Sam”

and since then she's done some children's movies, a few intense films with heavyweights such as Robert DeNiro and Denzel Washington and even a sci-fi thriller with Scientology nutcase Tom Cruise.

But this is still a departure for Fanning. The director of the film, Deborah Kapmeier, says that Fanning's intense rape scene does not involve any nudity and that Fanning was never uncomfortable on set.

This is not the only eyebrow-raising news coming from young Hollywood.

Across the pond, Harry Potter superstar Daniel Radcliffe is causing controversy with his role in the upcoming West End production of “Equus.”

The play is written by Peter Shaffer, the same man who wrote “Amedeus,” and is intense (to say the least). The story is about Alan, played by Radcliffe, who is a tortured soul. His parents send him to see a psychiatrist after stabbing the



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Although many haven't actually seen Fanning's performance, almost everyone knows of it by now.

eyes out of six horses. Some of the scenes call for nudity and Radcliffe said in many interviews that he would be doing what the original script called for; In other words, he would be bearing it all.



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Radcliffe's run in “Equus” is set to start in February and end in June, just in time to film “Potter” again.

Whitaker amazes, rules in “King”

BRANDY WILLIAMS
Asst. Diversions Editor

One of the best movies this year and on the Oscar hot list is “The Last King of Scotland,” which is based on a true story in Uganda. Although the movie portrays real characters and has historical facts, it is still considered a fictional horror film because it is based on a 1998 novel by Giles Foden.

The movie is about Nicholas Garrigan played by James McAvoy, a young Scottish doctor who, in an attempt to escape his dull life and the glare of his patronizing parents, randomly chooses to travel to Uganda during the 1970s and work among the two member staff to assist in aiding the poor locals.

His arrogance and quick wits land him a job as personal physician to one of history's most psychotic dictators, Idi Amin played by For-

est Whitaker. Garrigan quickly becomes engulfed in the luxurious lifestyle of the dictator and is so blinded by his lavish gifts and endearing friendliness that he refuses to see how cruel and corrupt the dictator actually is. It is not until those closest to Amin begin to disappear and Garrigan's own freedom and life are threatened that he begins to question his role in this tragic episode.

McAvoy portrayed the character of the European voice in African policy really well. He had the carefree stroll of an average teenager and the hormones of one too. In every household he

was welcomed into, he welcomed himself to their women as well. His character was believable and gave viewers a fresh perspective on what occurred in Uganda under Amin's rule.

Whitaker's depiction of the legendary Ugandan dictator, who is responsible for over 1.5 million deaths of his people, was absolutely amazing! Watching Whitaker's performance was as if I had traveled back in time to 37 years ago and lived through his brutal reign. What was so troubling about Amin

was that at first glance you wanted to love him. He promised hope and prosperity, but like most other dictators, too much power due to unchecked balances caused constant paranoia. Amin went insane

and thus brought down his great country and resulted in a devastating period in Africa's history.

Overall, it was a great movie and a must see. It should clean up several Oscar awards.

The Last King of Sctoland

Starring: Forest Whitaker

Rated: R

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It's spontaneous and informal

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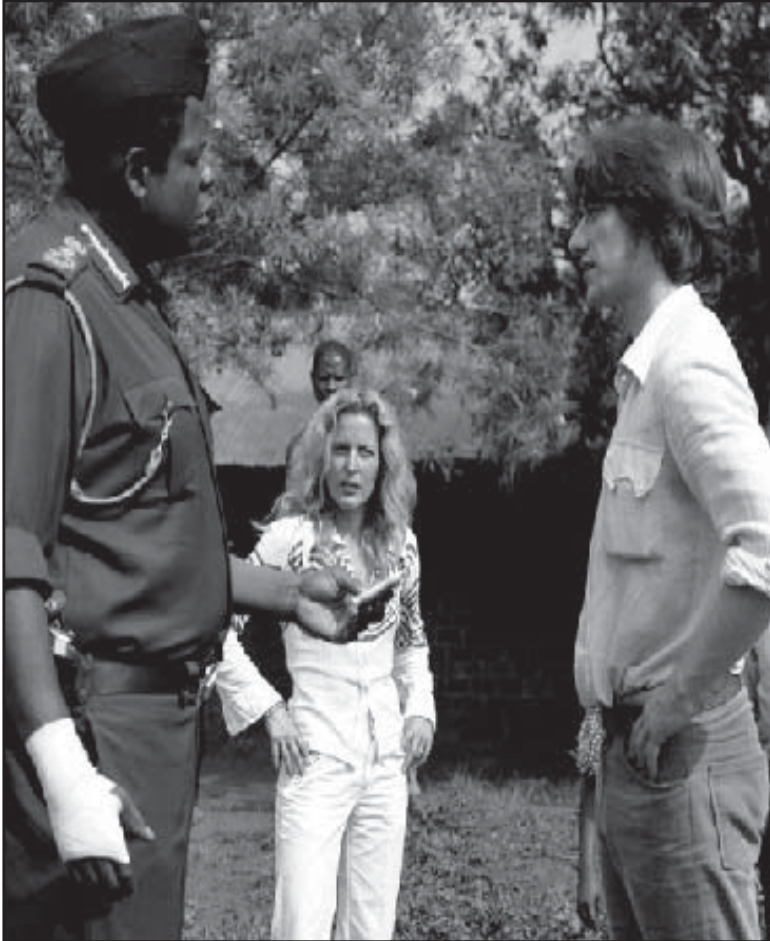


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The king is explaining something, listen closely.

Players voice for change

ROSIE SWAN
Contributing Writer

Last weekend, the Xavier Players put on their annual production of Voices for Change. This socially conscious show is made up of student-written, -directed and -performed pieces that deal with social justice issues.

This year’s show included 10 pieces that addressed issues such as abuse, ignorance, homelessness and depression. The production’s important messages were conveyed through student-written monologues, songs and skits.

The cast was excited to take part in a production that upholds the Xavier Players’ continuous theme of a “Theater of Conscience.” The short but sweet show that ran approximately 45 minutes held the attention of the audience and conveyed several powerful messages. The intimate setting of the Gallagher Student Center Studio made the production feel very real and let the actors truly connect with the audience.

A few of the pieces were based off actual events, such as sophomore Hannah Balash’s piece entitled, “Jesus on the Mainland.” This skit told her story of an encounter with a homeless man in a subway



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The cast of “Voices for Change.”

station in Chicago and her resulting feelings and thoughts.

Other pieces took a different approach and discussed important issues in society that many people our age face, but that the writers themselves have not experienced. For example, President of the Xavier Players, senior Dan Maloney, embodied an elderly man who was worn down by life and performed a very moving piece. Junior Briana Hansen performed

a pair of monologues, written by Katelyn Davis, that dealt with the loss of her mother and the pain of grieving.

Overall, the show was a great success for the Xavier Players. As a cast, we were happy to perform our pieces and try to make an impact on the Xavier community by

letting people know that they are not alone when dealing with tough situations and issues. We are ready to help and work together. We are ready to change.

Rosie Swan is an active member of the Xavier Players and wrote some of the material used in “Voices for Change.”



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Check out our website for a review of “The Pursuit of Happyness”

www.xavier.edu/newswire

New Releases

The following discs are due for release on or after January 30...

Norah Jones *Not Too Late* (Blue Note Records) ... **Lily Allen** *Alright, Still* (Capital) ... **Celtic Woman** *A new Journey* (Manhattan Records) ... **Harry Connick Jr.** *Oh, My Nola* (Sony)... **Jill Scott** *Collaborations* (Hidden Beach)

...All dates are tentative.

Live Wires

Friday, February 2
The Rapture
@ 20th Century Theatre

Friday, February 2
Kathy Griffin
@ Taft Theatre

Saturday, February 3
Moe
@ Taft Theatre

Saturday, February 3
H.S. Band Challenge
@ Bogarts

Xavier’s BlueTube

We now have our very own YouTube-esque site where we can put videos about life at Xavier. Here’s some of *the Newswire’s* personal favorites.

1. Xavier student section rocks!!!!
Clearly this is the most intense and quite frankly the coolest display of Xavier school spirit on the Internet. Those blue people are pretty intense!
2. Meet Alex and Steve: Drummers rule
The pep bank is pretty much the bomb-diggity, for lack of a better word. Good drummers always get the crowd and the band hyped.
3. The Xavier Blob & D’Artagnan: Together at Last
Everyone loves our mascots. With this nice little montage you can check out how they proudly represent the Xavier Nation.
4. I love Subway!!!
Subway Rob is the best spokesperson Subway has ever had, even better than Jared!
5. Muskie TV: The Office
Now you can really see how those good people at the Muskie get things done.

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BRIEFS

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Sixteen Candles

Love classic movies? At 11 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1 in the GSC Theater, the Classic College Movie Series is hosting the film “Sixteen Candles.” The movie is free to XU students with their All Card.

Ski Trip

Ready to hit the slopes and ski your way down some beautiful snow-filled hills? This Saturday, Feb. 3 at 8:30 p.m, buses will be loaded and leaving from Buenger Circle headed to the ski slopes at Perfect North. Tickets are \$15 and will be on sale from 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday in GSC and Thursday and Friday during dinner, then brunch on Saturday.

Super Bowl Party

Colts vs. Bears! Stop in the Romero International Center at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4 to root for your favorite team and watch the commercials, of course! There will be loads of great Super Bowl food and lots of fun.

Invisible: Slavery Today

If you have never been to the National Underground Freedom Center or would like to see the new exhibits, this is your chance. Discounted tickets are available through the Psychology Department, Dr. Cathy Wilson, to tour the new exhibit “Invisible: Slavery Today,” which will be open until Feb. 28. Call x3072 for ticket information.

World Quest

Grab a team and an application because World Quest is back. Xavier’s own International Trivia competition is back, complete with prizes, delicious food and a great time. Sign-up forms are available in the Romero Center and are due by Monday. Make sure you are not sitting at home missing out on this amazing competition.



WEDNESDAY

January 31

Though it may make me seem paranoid, especially after last week’s admitted fear of people hiding in the bushes around campus, I’m fairly certain that the Publications House is haunted. And by fairly certain, I mean I know for a fact it’s haunted. And by know for a fact, I mean fairly certain.

The point is it gives me the “it-feels-like-someone’s-watching-me-at-all-times-and-it-makes-me-so-nervous-I-want-to-pee-myself-but-if-it’s-a-real-person-that-would-be-really-embarrassing-so-I’ll-try-to-hold-it-whoops-too-late-oh-God” chills. You know the kind.

Even as I sit here in this room alone at the computer with the sun shining brightly, I keep hearing different noises all around the house, which is not uncommon. I almost always hear doors creak open or close on their own, things fall without a seeming purpose, or see shadowy figures standing in the doorway saying, “Come play with us, friend. It’s bliss,” in childlike voices... just before they disappear.

Ordinarily, this column would describe all the different possibilities for events of the day. Like a certain coffee hour in GSC at 3:30 p.m.

But I will not be talking about that coffee hour. The sponsoring organization has rubbed me the wrong way and I am not a good enough person to forgive them. So listen up, ISS, I’m not gonna advertise your little event until you and I work out some beef. Wanna know my problem? Read on, Brutus. Read on.

Calendar City

By Briana Hansen. To place an item in the calendar, mail to newsware-calendar@xavier.edu.

THURSDAY

February 1

Now that I’ve got your attention, ISS, don’t think you’re getting out of this one easily. Oh, no. You’ll have to bear through all my mindless rambling each day of this week if you want to know my problem with you.

And you want to know my problem, baby. I know you want to know my problem. I know you know I want you to know my problem with you.

At least we’ve got that clear.

If you’re scared of my wrath, which you probably should be, I suggest you swing by GSC room 214 at 9 p.m. to worship with the Navigators. You never know what tomorrow may bring.

FRIDAY

February 2

Whew! Thank goodness it’s the weekend! I’m so glad I can finally start to unwind and enjoy yet another exciting weekend with plenty of adventures. It’s almost like it’s a new me that wakes up on a Friday morning. I feel so fresh and alive and excited about all the possibilities! It’s as if all the problems and grudges from the week have seemingly worn off.

Yet, they haven’t.



Fact: Bears are only cute when silenced or stuffed.

Yes, International Student Services (not the other ISS), I’m still picking at this bone I’ve got with you. Once I finish all the delicious meat on this proverbial bone, you can bet I’m gonna figuratively use it to fictionally attack you in a non-aggressive way.

Luckily for the both of us, there are very few events advertised around campus this week so we can have some alone time.

During that alone time, which is actually more of me sitting alone in a haunted house scared to go to the bathroom--and in little need of a toilet--I hope you can see my glaring eyes, scrunched eyebrows and pouty, angry lips.

I’m glaring at you.

I guess I was trying to convey that in not so many words but sometimes I just get carried away with all the space I have to fill and I think that I have to type every disjointed nonsequiter that pops in my mind.

The point is, ISS, I’m ticked.

SATURDAY

February 3

The Annual Ski Trip will take place today at 8:30 p.m. until 2 a.m. Tickets are on sale throughout the week and are limited.

Oh, you wanna go, ISS? I’d like to see you try to get out of my sight, you generalized nonsensical organization I’m turning into a person for the sake of villian-ization.

Yeah, I said it.

You know I’m not all anger and resentment, though that’s all I feel right now, thanks to you, dear ISS. Sometimes I do non-angry things. Like today, I will be attending the Alternative Break Service Day which begins at 8:30 a.m. in the GSC food court. My bitterness will return after the provided lunch.

SUNDAY

February 4

In an effort to be the unbiased, integrity-filled, objective journalist I am, I will only say the following about the events of today:

Colts coltsing on the colts’ colts with colts. “Colts?!” colts said. “Colts,” the colts responded. Haha! Coltsy Coltsington is the coltsiest colt that ever a colt colted! Colts superbowlng for the coltiest colt of the colts? Superbowlng! Supercolt. Supercolting. Super. Colts.

MONDAY

February 5

After that short break, we return to our original story line starring the supervillian, ISS. If you don’t know by now, dear souls, I shall finally tell you what my problem is.

I was innocently looking at my portal announcements, which are plentiful since I subscribe to many different outlets in an attempt to continue to be the excellent best journalist ever with good grammar and stuff that I am. I looked at a portal announcement describing a supposed Super Bowl party. Innocent enough. I start taking down the information, wasting what could have been expensive ink. I get to the end of the advertisement and see a certain not-so-hidden post script saying, simply, “GO BEARS!!!”

You people make me sick.

How could you corrupt all these innocent people who want to learn about American culture by poisoning their minds with that blasphemous talk? For shame, ISS. For shame.

TUESDAY

February 6

It’s a good thing I’m not obsessive about an inexplicably addictive sport that drains tons of money from society which could be used towards more altruistic social service causes. I’m glad I can put everything in perspective and wouldn’t let any one team consume my every waking hour. Now, if you’ll excuse me, I have to concentrate under the Bodhi tree and not move until Petyon Manning wears a giant, obnoxious-looking Super Bowl ring.

Classifieds

For classified orders and information, call Ann Tassone at 513-745-3561 or email her at Newsware-Classifieds@xavier.edu

Help Wanted

Babysitters needed for Cincinnati families. Starts at \$8 per hour. Must have own transportation. Apply at www.thesitterconnection.com or call 513-898-9857.

Babysitters wanted. Average pay is \$10 per hour. Register free for jobs near campus or home. Visit www.student-sitters.com.

Mortgage company seeking student to search courthouse records. \$1 per name. No experience. Call Doug at 877-384-1098.

Part-time preschool assistant needed. Afternoons in Blue Ash. Visit www.kindergardenschool.com or call 513-791-4300.

Elementary education major needed two afternoons per week to tutor kindergartener. Call Beth at 513-871-3189.

Learn about St. Dominic and the Dominican Order of religious and lay people. A Cincinnati chapter of lay Dominicans meets monthly at St. Margaret of Cortona Parish in Madisonville. For more information, contact Aidan at 513-477-4159 or aidankehoe@yahoo.com, or Sue at 513-683-1715 or suzyrx@aol.com

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Apartment in Oakley! Five bedrooms, two bathrooms, two kitchens. Can be divided. Off-street parking. \$1,100 per month, includes water. Flexible terms. Call Frank at 513-891-1866.

Housing starting summer or fall 2007! Three bedroom for \$930, four bedroom for \$1,080. Free washer and dryer, dishwasher, C/A, off-street parking. Behind Cintas, 10 minute walk to campus. Call Pat at 513-702-8251.

Still looking for a great place to live? We still have four, five and six bedroom apartments available. Lease one of our extra large, fully loaded units and receive \$1,000 refund back as a signing bonus! We offer a great place to live and a great place to party! We pay the utilities and there is plenty of parking. Rents are \$350 per bed per month. Half a mile from campus. Call Tim at 513-266-6567.

Single family house. 2001 Dana Avenue, Evanston. \$1,000 per month rent. \$1,000 security deposit. Four bedrooms, two full bathrooms, laundry room with coin operated washer and dryer, off-street parking. Call Peg at 513-631-7301.

Hyde Park efficiencies. One and two bedroom apartments. Excellent condition, A/C, balcony, new appliances, kitchens and bathrooms, pool, garage, parking, utilities paid. \$470 - \$740. Call Sharon at 513-240-1789.

Three bedroom apartment. \$960. Available in June 2007. Best location in Norwood. Walk to campus. Call Brian at 513-503-2065.

Apartment available next school year. Two bedroom across the street from XU on Dana Avenue. Front door video security, free high-speed Internet, free laundry, off-street parking. Call Bill at 513-616-9000.

Two bedroom house. Hardwood floors, fully equipped kitchen, security system, walking distance to campus, washer/dryer hookup. \$825 per month. Call Hadley at 513-307-5020.

Two, three and four bedroom houses available for this winter, next summer and next school year. Two blocks from campus, clean, fully equipped, off-street parking, laundry, next to other student housing. Call Doug at 513-616-3798 or email cit545@aol.com

Well-maintained two bedroom apartments with bonus room available at 1047 Dana Avenue across from the South lot. Hardwood floors, laundry facilities, off-street parking and heat included. Call Laura at 513-265-1485.

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Travel

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